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## **Bill to Create Mississippi Institute for Forest Inventory Signed by Governor Musgrove**

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove has signed Senate Bill 2922, which creates the Mississippi Institute for Forest Inventory. The legislation goes into effect on July 1.

“Mississippi is blessed with tremendous natural resources, and this institute will play a major role in keeping those resources strong and viable,” Musgrove said. “Generations of Mississippians have depended on our forests for their living, as well as their recreation.”

The Institute will be governed by an eleven-member board. Four of those members will be appointed by the Governor.

Responsibilities of the Institute will include developing a statewide forest resource inventory, shaping policies to maintain inventory information and reports, and analyzing data on forest resources in support of new and existing forest industries.

“As someone who loves the outdoors, I want to see Mississippi’s beautiful forests protected,” said Musgrove.

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